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SUBJECT: DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE: SE-20: THE EFFECT ON
COMMUNIST CHINA OF CERTAIN US COURSES OF ACTION
(For Board consideration)

THE PROBLEM

To estimate (1) the vulnerability of Communist China to certain US courses of action, and (2) the Communist reaction to these courses of action.*

I. US SUPPORT OF GUERRILLA AND/OR NATIONALIST CHINESE ACTIVITIES

A. What is the extent of the vulnerability of Communist China to US supported anti-Communist activity? (See Annex "A")

1. Substantial covert US support of mainland resistance groups under:

* The question of whether the UN would support US policy in this regard is beyond the scope of this paper.

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- a. Conditions short of general war between the US and China;
 - b. Conditions of a general war between the US and China.
2. US support of the Chinese Nationalists considering:
- a. Continuation of the present program of aid and removal of restrictions on Nationalist operations;
 - b. Expansion of US aid to a degree sufficient to permit the Nationalists to launch and logistically support a full-scale invasion of the mainland (without the participation of US forces).
- B. What would be the reaction of Communist China and the USSR to these courses of action?

II. US EXPANSION OF THE KOREAN CONFLICT TO COMMUNIST CHINA

- A. What is the extent of the vulnerability of Communist China to US military operations?
- 1. Naval blockade; (See Annex "B")
 - 2. Bombing attacks on military installations in Manchuria;
 - 3. Strategic bombing attacks throughout Communist China including:

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- a. Conventional air and naval bombardment; and
 - b. Atomic bombardment.
- B. What would be the reaction of Communist China and the USSR to these courses of action?

ANNEXA

- A. The guerrilla situation in Communist China.
- B. Foreign trade data for Communist China by month during 1951.

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